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COMMERCE FOR 6731 LENZ

JUSTICE FOR MENDELSOHN

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BRIBERY AND EXPORT CREDITS

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¶1. Post delivered reftel demarche on November 9 to Thomas Wieser of the Austrian Finance Ministry, Rudolf Scholten of the Austrian Control Bank, and Ulrike Magloth of the Chancellery (Prime Minister's office). Charge followed up on November 10 with Magloth, whom the others identified as the key Austrian official on the issue.

¶2. Magloth said Austria had not developed a national position on the draft revised Action Statement on Bribery and Export Credits. In general, she said, Austria supported tough measures in this area. We noted that Austria has put anti-corruption at the center of its agenda as EU President during the first half of 2006. We urged her to make this effective by supporting our position. Magloth promised to give it careful consideration before the November 14-15 meeting of the OECD's Working Party on Export Credits and Credit Guarantees (ECG).

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